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The Honorable Jim Weiers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2557; Schools; Standards; PE; Art; Music

Dear Speaker Weiers:

I have vetoed House Bill 2557, which purports to prohibit school districts from eliminating or reducing instruction in physical education, the arts, music, career and technical education or vocational education unless, among other exceptions, the governing board of the school district votes to do so. A decision by the school district governing board is already the method by which districts make such changes in their curricula. House Bill 2557 is, therefore, both unnecessary and redundant.

In addition, House Bill 2557 provides school districts no additional resources to foster programs in music, the arts, physical education, or career and technical education. Thus, not only is House Bill 2557 unnecessary, it also is an empty promise for important areas that need real action.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2557.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
The Honorable Mark Anderson